

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## We Honor Jesus When we Obey Him and Honor His Church !

## People are Still Receiving the Holy Ghost and Talking in Other Tongues!

### THE CHURCH OF GOD

Instituted by Our Lord For The Benefit of His People.

#### BE OBEDIENT TO HIM IN ALL THINGS.

The message is a simple one, but it must be told. Jesus commissioned His followers to tell it and tell it everywhere. At Jerusalem, He said, it must begin, then in Judea, also over in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Wherever there is a human being, the simple message must be told.

The great and ever to be revered Apostle Paul was somewhat fearful that there would come a time when an influence would carry the message away from its simplicity so He left on record a special warning concerning this very thing. "But I fear," says Paul, "lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 cor. 11:3)

All the way through the New Testament Scriptures runs a silken cord of exhortation calling to humility. "Be not high minded, but fear," wrote Paul to the Romans. "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate." "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."—Jesus. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord."—James. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God."—Peter.

There is every facility necessary to the promulgation of the simple story. There are the railroads, the airships, the ocean liners, the automobiles for travel. There are the freight, the express, the mail accommodations. There are the preachers, the singers, the printing presses, the telephone, the telegraph and the wireless. All of these facilities may be used to herald the simple message that was given for this world by heaven's King.

The Church of God was instituted by our Lord for the benefit of His people. It is of His own construction, and who could say He could not make the very best place in the universe for his own people? Would He make something shoddy and cheap? Would He put His own people off with an inferior institution when He was able to prepare the very best? He made the world with its fertile soil, beautiful landscapes, flowing streams, refreshing springs and fountains. If He could do all this of course He could make the very best place for His people, and would do it.

We do not hesitate, then, to insist that the Church—His very own institution—is the very best on earth. He not only instituted it, but named it as well. We do not name it any more than Zacharias named his son. He said, "His name is John." He was already named. So the Church is already named. We increase at a much later period.

When certain decrees were made by the Apostles and elders at Jerusalem and they were delivered by Paul and Silas "so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily. (Acts. 16: 5.) I wonder if some one is going to say that these churches were an "invisible" something. They were established in the faith. According to the "invisible" theory the "invisibles" were established in the faith. Is that correct? And, too, according to the "invisible" theory the "invisibles" were increased in number daily. Can such an "invisible" theory be correct? Will it stand the test of Scripture?

I notice that Paul gave some particular instructions to the Church of God at Corinth concerning tongues and prophesying. He says, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." (1 Cor. 14: 4.) What is that? What does Paul mean by saying one "edifieth himself?" Webster defines edify thus: "To build up or strengthen." That is all right. And many of us know what it is to be built up and strengthened by speaking in tongues. But what does prophesying do? How readeast thou? Let Paul answer: "He that prophesieth edifieth the Church." (1 Cor. 14: 4.) Now according to the "invisible church" theory, prophesying edifies some "invisible" something. That is, prophesying builds up and strengthens some "invisible something." Does that kind of doctrine seem good to you?

Well, suppose we look a little further into this subject as long as we are in it. Paul says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." What for? He has just said that this exercise builds up and strengthens the person that talks in tongues. But listen, Paul continues, but I would "rather that ye prophesied." Why is this? "That the church may receive edifying." Now according to the "invisible church" theory, it is more important for the "invisible" something to be built up and strengthened than for a man or woman that has to meet the temptations and trials of life. Surely, surely Paul does not mean that an "invisible" something needs to be built up and strengthened in preference to men and women that Christ died to save. How can such a thing be?

Continue the subject further. Paul writes, "And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:11,17) Now please watch carefully and get the connection. It has to be admitted that the body of Christ that is to be edified is the Church. Why do I say this? I will show you. Turn with me to the first chapter of the same book and the last verses and read: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body." This is one Scripture. Look at another. "And he is the head of the body, the church." (Col.

1:18.) This is the second Scripture. But look at another. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." (Matt. 18: 16.) "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." (Col. 1: 24.)

Now, since it is so clearly proved that the body of Christ is to be edified—built up and strengthened is the Church, then according to the "invisible" theory there are to be postles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to build up and strengthen an "invisible" something.

I am sure by this time that all honest, unprejudiced minds can see the fallacy and absurdity of the "invisible church" theory. But this is not all. Now as we read keep in mind that the body of Christ is the Church, and that the Church is the body of Christ. Now read: "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body (Church) fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body (Church) unto the edifying of itself in love." (Eph. 4: 15, 16.)

Now notice carefully please. First, if the Church is an "invisible" something then it will have to be admitted that the whole "invisible" something is "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part" of the "invisible" something. And let us read on with the same thought before us. "Maketh increase of the (invisible) body unto the edifying (building up and strengthening) of itself in love." The "invisible" something "building up" (R. V.) of itself in love. Now if it is an "invisible" something that is going to build itself up in love, what have tangible beings got to do with it? And how are human beings going to be added to an "invisible" something? And what is the use of us having anything to do with it?

There is one other thing to which I wish to call attention. Paul wrote to the Church of God at Corinth. Then he wrote to an "invisible" something, did he? Now here is a job for you or some body. Paul says to that "invisible" (?) something "Even so ye." He calls the "invisible" something "ye," if he is writing to that "invisible" something. But let us see what he says. "For as much as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the Church." If the church is "invisible" then the invisible "ye" to whom he is writing is zealous of spiritual gifts and also the invisible "ye" are to seek to excel to the building up of the "invisible church." Now, I wonder what has become of the "invisible" theory. I leave you to judge.

Many other Scriptures could be presented to prove this analogy, but we will not add any more as it is late enough for this service to close. It is now one thirty in the morning and this is late enough to keep you up. But I wish to say this, I expect to be stronger for the Church of God in its visible form than ever, for Paul tells me to seek to excel in building it up

and I feel that I must obey that saint of God whose spirit seems to possess me at times. You need not look for me to quail, weaken or compromise. Every wind that blows helps me to get rooted deeper.

The Church of God instituted by our Lord for the benefit of His people is obedient to Him in all things, and shall shine forth its beautiful brilliant rays into every corner of the earth. Hallelujah!

#### TESTIMONY TO THE TRUTH.

O W. Alexander.

"To this end came I into the world, that I should testify to the truth."—John 18: 37.

Few ideas are more important to a man than his own conception of his own mission to the world. If this is clearly defined or vigorously held, the energy of the man will be expended toward a definite end; if there is no clear or definite idea of his mission or purpose, the life will probably be carried along on the stream, following the line of least resistance, or become a series of efforts, first in one direction and then in another. Continuity of effort, persistence in a certain line of activity is scarcely without a single definite controlling purpose.

In the text we get a glimpse of the clearness of Christ's conception of His mission to the world. "To this end have I been born, and for this cause have I come into the world that I should testify to the truth." He is now before Pilate and nearing the end of His earthly life. The unity of His life, we see as we study it, is the following out to the minutest detail the principle which He says has been and is His controlling purpose—to testify to the truth. In the events which are to follow Jesus is true to the conception of His mission, even though His persistence in bearing witness to the truth leads Him to the ignominious death upon the cross. Fidelity to His mission He carried to the extent of yielding up His own life rather than cease to bear witness to the truth.

My theme is testimony to the truth; the need of this testimony, the obligation of those who know the truth, to bear witness to it, and the results which come from lives which are testimonials to the truth. The wants of the world are not always its needs, and not infrequently we are unconscious of our deepest needs. So complex is life, so easily dimmed is our vision, so apt is our judgment to be influenced by our testimony rather than by our permanent interests, that our sense of relative values becomes at times hopelessly confused.

In the time of Jesus He saw illustration of this all about Him. The same thing was true in the time of the prophets. They were raised up to bear witness to a certain phase of truth: Jesus came to testify to the truth. The idea of religion held by the scribes and Pharisees was that it consisted in the

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Home mission day comes on  
Sunday August 10th.

There is plenty of work to do  
for the Lord in these days. No  
one should be idle.

Albert S. Coans, 409 Clay St.,  
Martinsville, Va. wants Temperance  
and pure gospel literature.

Baptized with the Holy Ghost,  
filled with the Holy Ghost, the  
gift of the Holy Ghost, are all  
one.

The tremendous pressure of  
Satan is causing many to  
weaken and fall but they are  
not all falling. Thousands are  
standing true to God and His  
Word.

Wm. R. Franks of Cooper  
Town, Abaco, Bahamas wants to  
say through the Evangel that he  
appreciates the reporting and  
financial system very much.

These are perilous times and  
no one can tell what will come  
next, but the faithful in Christ  
Jesus will stand in the midst of  
the hardest trials and under the  
greatest persecutions.

We had a break-down in the  
office last week which prevented  
us getting off about three thou-  
sand papers on time. We are  
very sorry to have disappointed  
some of our subscribers, but it  
could not be avoided.

Hope the Arkansas people will  
avail themselves of the benefits  
to be derived from their state  
Meeting, that is announced for  
the ninth of August at Haynes,  
Arkansas. See notice in another  
column.

Remember this is the time of  
year to use the gospel fans.  
Many are ordering and using  
them, and they seem to be great-  
ly appreciated by all. 35c per  
doz. \$2.25 per hundred. Special  
prices in larger quantities.

Work for the Evangel! Many  
are doing this and happy in the  
service. They love the little  
white-winged messenger because  
it is soul food for them, and  
they want others to have  
their souls fed too. We greatly  
appreciate the loving coopera-  
tion of our friends and we  
kindly ask others to join us in  
this special work and run the shed on Calvary and baptized

subscription list up to the twenty thousand mark. Send for rolls and circulate them in meetings and everywhere. Put the message in thousands of new homes.

Advice to Girls, Brother Lemons' new book, 25c per copy, \$2.00 per doz. \$15.00 per hundred. These are ready sale. Place an order for a supply and sell them everywhere. One brother sold ten in thirty minutes. He quit his job, ordered a supply and is now engaged in selling the book as a means of livelihood.

Please remember that all letters that have no names signed to them are consigned to the waste basket. If you are ashamed of your letter so you do not want to acknowledge it as yours why should you expect me to honor it? I do not object to using articles or testimonials, or reports in the paper when the writer requests their names withheld for some good reason, but when no name is given at all we cannot use them.

Somerset, Ky.  
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and  
Dear Saints—Greetings in  
Jesus' Name:

We are thanking God for sending the home mission workers to us. They helped us in the main struggle for victory at this place.

Although the enemy's forces are strong against the truth, we feel they are slowly but truly giving back. Some of our own are getting back to the "old path," and are renewing their courage for the great battle. One followed the Lord in water baptism and four were added to the Church of God. All the saints were refreshed by the heavenly shower. We ask your prayers for Somerset, that God will send to us that white-heated love, that will melt together the iron, the clay and the tin, and run the gold out of the dross until it will shine and reflect the image of our Christ—the Church—which is His body. I praise God, that this is not a dream of God, but is the real truth, which glows with unfailing beauty in heavenly hues to the eyes that are filled with God. We see the Church as she marches back to Eden, where she can enjoy the heavenly breezes, look on the flowers and eat of the fruits that grow by the river of life. Where dappled fawn play on banks of verdure and leopards are peaceful and tamed. Back to where "Our Father" longs to welcome us "The sons of God," to the mansions of rest prepared for the weary, where there are no pilgrims or strangers; But, where all is peace, love and joy unspeakable, where the air is alive with the praises of our God and afloat with the palms of victory. O, Glory, Brothers, We are in the thing as sure as you live. We are the "roses" that shall unfold our petals to beautify the coronation of "our King". For it is said "He is the rose of Sharon," and when He shall appear we shall be like Him. Then let us cheer up, for our sufferings here are not to be compared with the glory that awaits us, or what pleasure we even enjoy here.

O, Savior, precious Savior, mine, What will Thy presence be? If such a life of joy can crown, Our walk on earth with thee.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Z. D. Wallace.

Friendsville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and  
All the Dear Saints—Greet-  
ings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I just want to praise the sweet name of Jesus for being so good to me. He saved me from sin, sanctified and washed me in that precious blood that was

me with the Holy Ghost. I can not praise the Lord enough for this humble way. I desire your prayers that I might live humble, down at the foot of the cross, so that God can get glory out of my life.

Your sister under the blood,  
Maggie Hoffman.

Equality III.  
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and  
All the saints—Greetings:

I wish to praise God through the paper, that has been so much help to me. Glory to God, for His mercy and love. It is so sweet to trust our lives into His dear hands, that we may have "abiding peace." We are accused of being too noisy. But we hear our God telling His people to shout with a great shout, that the walls of Jericho might fall. Now, if they shout for victory, might we not be allowed to do the same. And of course the greater the victory the louder the shout.

Praise the dear name of Jesus. The way grows sweeter an the time. I feel the dear Lord calling me out in his work, but my husband is not saved and that makes it hard for me. Pray for me and my family.

Your sister in Christ,  
A. P. Trusty.

THE GOSPEL ON WINGS

L. A. Poland.

Rev. 14: 6, 7. This heavenly messenger that was seen flying, had a most precious and mighty message from God to the whole earth. In these last days, it looks as if this prophecy has been fulfilled. And every one who has a hand in scattering the message, putting it on wings as it were, may rejoice in the fact that he is helping to fulfill what John saw on the Isle of Patmos. Hallelujah!

Our "Church of God Evangel" has been flying with its glorious gospel message of salvation to a lost and sin cursed world for quite a number of days and with the help of God, selections of tracts and books and also the Evangel has made their way into dark parts and acted as a lamp to the blind. Praise His name!

It is certainly a blessed and beautiful thing to thus send forth the message, to be scattered to the four winds by this Angel or Messenger John saw. Surely it was a glorious day when the first issue of our beloved paper was sent forth in the name of the Lord. How we praise the Lord for it, and give Him all the glory for what has been accomplished in the earth through His truth. We can see much of it and that leads us to believe there is much we shall not see or know until the final day of reckoning and reward shall come.

In our school days from time to time we would have review in our lessons which was very helpful to us. So at times we believe it is a great help and inspiration to look back through the years and remember that all the way the Lord has led and helped us; it gives us a new impetus. We pray that from the present up to the very moment when the Lord descends from heaven for His people, our scattered saints, as well as all the people of the Lord, will be wonderfully girded for the battle, and be strong and do exploits, and win great spoil for Jesus—gems that will some day shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

In the days of the Apostles, the gospel could not fly as it can now, by means of steam, electricity, the printing press, and hourly mails in many places. These remarkable privileges and opportunities might well be called responsibilities, such as ought to make every one tremble who

are not improving them to the utmost for the salvation of never-dying souls. In the early days, money could not begin to accomplish what it can now in reaching the souls of men of every nation as it can today, so let us do everything in our power to win souls for Jesus. You may not feel like doing just as some do, but there are many ways in which we can send the message flying, if we will wait upon the Lord and do as He tells us. We should delight in this work, and then it would be easy for us to send the gospel on wings to the hearts of people. You can lend or give away your back numbers of "The Church of God Evangel." Many have been reached in this way.

The words "wings" and "flying" suggest speed. What we do we will have to do quickly. The Lord says He is coming quickly and we must move quickly if we are to gather a good harvest of souls for heaven.

As important as it is to send out the gospel on wings, we must not forget that we too, are to have wings, but they are to be used in soaring upward into the heavens. Isaiah tells us that we are to mount up with wings as eagles. To do this, we must learn how to wait on the Lord. David excelled in this, and has more to say about it than anybody else in the Bible. Let us be like him and like Isaiah in this respect. Much zeal is manifested in some who do very little waiting upon God. Such people do not develop wings or mount up into the heavenly places in Christ. Hard work and drudgery need not prevent our having wings, for while the hands are very busy, the heart can soar far above earthly things.

"Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." Ps. 68: 13.

Now is the time to develop our wings, our wedding attire, our garment of salvation, the fine linen which is the righteousness of the saints. If we do this we will be ready for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Live Oak, Fla.

Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I wish to send my testimony to the Evangel. I still have the victory over sin, though I live in a town of much wickedness. Glory to God! I am glad I can say I am His child altho' I am sixty eight years old. I intend to spend the remainder of my life in God's service. I am anxious for Jesus to come.

May God bless the Evangel.

Your brother in Jesus,

R. W. Price.

Walhalla, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greetings in His Dear Name:

I want a small space in the Evangel to tell what the dear Lord has done for me. Thank God, He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. My oldest son has also received the Holy Ghost, and my husband and oldest daughter are seekers. Please pray that they might receive the Baptism.

Your sister under the blood,

Mary J. Nichols.

Pinders, Long Island,

Bahamas

Dear Beloved Saints:

I want to thank God for saving my soul from the paths of sin. The Comforter still abides. I feel more like pressing on than ever for I know victory is just ahead. The Lord is blessing wonderfully here. I desire your prayers that I might live true and be ready to go up when Jesus comes.

Your sister under the blood,

A. S. Dorville.

gain lost time after it has slipped away from me here. All of my lost moments will be lost treasures for all eternity. When the curtain falls on my life I will have accomplished all that will ennoble me in the presence of God and the Lamb and of the Holy Angels forever and ever. Amen.

(Pledges have been signed and

broke,

but to sign a pledge for a good

thing and keep it is always

good. The Rechabites pledged them-

selves to their father Jonadab that

they would never drink wine, and the

family kept their pledge for a thou-

sand years, and God commanded them

for their steadfastness. (Jer. 35: 19.)

No doubt God will honor him that

sighs the above pledge and keeps it.—

Ed.)

Atlanta, Ga.

To all the Dear Saints:

I want to praise and thank

my blessed Savior this bright

morning, for the blessed Com-

forter that abides in my soul. I

thank Him for the mighty heal-

ing and keeping power. He heals

me and my children when we

get sick. I received the Holy

Ghost six years ago and He is

still sweet to my soul. I mean to

go all the way, though the trials

be hard. Please pray for me and

my unsaved husband.

Your sister,

Lizzie Blair.

Seneca, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and

Saints—Greetings to you:

I want to thank God, "Our

Father" through our paper for

salvation through the Precious

Blood of the Lamb, still saved,

sanctified and baptized with

the Holy Ghost. Dear saints,

lets keep true, lets keep "prayed

up," lets keep humble and keep

our eyes off of the things of this

world as Satan will show us

many things to get our mind off

of our God. But let us keep our

mind stayed on God, that we

might be pleasing in His sight,

and not be "overthrown" as

# THE CHURCH OF GOD

REVIEW AND TESTIMONY  
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

If everybody would read the Scriptures on the church question, and quit trying to harmonize their own ideas and creeds with the Bible, (which they can do only by perverting the Bible), they would see a beautiful Church with Jesus as the Head, and all the government, offices and officers in perfect working order, and the signs following just like Jesus said they would do.

The trouble with people of today is that they are trying to have their own way about things. Jesus said, "I will build my church" Matt. 16:18. Man had nothing to do with fixing the offices, the government or the officers. God set them in the body as it pleased Him. See 1 Cor. 12. God said through the prophet Isaiah "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." No we could not expect God to go by human plans. They have all failed in the past and have fallen far beneath God's standard and so they are failing now; and those who are leaving God's ways and resorting to man-made plans are not having the revivals that the Church of God people are having. Now we are willing to take off our hats to those who are having greater success than we are.

In Isaiah 9:6, 7, we find a most wonderful description of God's divine government. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: \*\*\* Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, \*\*\* The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Do you get the lesson? The government shall be upon His shoulder. The shoulders belong to the body, and the body is the church (see Eph. 1:22, 23) and Jesus is the great Head.

When we have a great burden to bear we always put it upon the shoulders, then we have the body bearing the burden and the head giving the directions where to go, how fast to go, and where to stop, etc. The body must be subject to the head. Thank God, our great Head has told the body, His people, what to do and we just go on and do that no matter what the other fellow thinks about it. We have our General Overseer, State Overseers, Bishops, Deacons and Evangelists and they are all subject to one another. That does not mean that we will submit to just anything, but that which is according to the will of the Lord.

We who form the body are to bear the burden. We are not to give any instructions, that is not our job; in fact the instructions have already been given, but Jesus has committed the reins of His great government into our hands, because the government is in the body, having been set there by God Himself. We form the body, then we are to have the reins of the government. How do I know? Heb. 13: 17. "Obey them that have the rule over you, \*\*\* for they watch for your souls as they that must give account." Now that is not God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost for they will not have to give an account for us. Then when we lift up the standard of God's great Church, and say "you will have to come God's way or we will put you out from among us," some call us "bosses."

Any one who rejects the writer of Hebrews and fails to obey

Church and it is high time for them to walk into the Church: and take a bold stand for God's Church and her government. Some are doing this while some are holding themselves aloof and as a result they are all divided and torn up. Some teaching this, and some teaching that, but Paul said speak the same thing, and we Church of God people are doing that, and if we follow St. Paul we will make no mistakes.

When we resort to human plans and leave off God's plan than we fail no matter how God has been blessing us in the past, in spite of the storms of persecutions and criticism that the enemy is hurling at us, the Church of God continues to prosper just like Isaiah said it would: "Exalted Above the hills, and all the nations shall now unto it." Yes, it is far above all the other organizations of the land and country, and as they raise their shouts of opposition she rises like the old eagle does; when she sees a cloud arising when the sky is black with clouds, the old eagle soars and soars until she is far above all.

The Church of God people are happy while the other folks growl and criticize. Her members are sleek, fat Christians, while the others are spiritual weaklings. We are the very cream of the Bible, while the others are loaded down to water line with "blue John" and "clabber". I am not going to take "blue John" or "clabber" when I can get "cream" at the same price. It makes no difference for folks if they do have to eat clabber and rattle their brass spoon when they oppose the right thing and will not submit to those who have the rule over them. We have the right thing. Hallelujah!

Then some say the church is in Heaven. If so, then this brother who is to have his fault told unto the church, together with them that is to try him would have to be translated up to heaven in order for his case to be heard. Let us hear Saint Paul on this subject. Eph. 3:14-15, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." That proves that there is a family here on earth and that it is named after God.

The Church of God is God's name-sake, and for me to hold myself aloof from God's Church and say that no one has the rule over me would mean that I had ignored the writer of Hebrews 13:17.

Some seem to think the present system of reporting to headquarters is out of harmony with the Scriptures. I am not only well pleased with it but think it to be in perfect harmony with the Bible. Paul wanted the folks to know his affairs. Eph. 6:18-22. He even sent Tychicus that they might know his affairs. Did not the seventy report to Jesus? Then He asked them, "Lacked ye anything?" If we did not step out and take hold of the reins of government and see that the full standard is proclaimed (and to proclaim the full standard is to lay much stress on the government) we would have in a very short time nothing but a chaos. As far as real government is concerned. Some would want to teach one way and some another. Paul said that an angel would be cursed if he should come and preach any other doctrine than he himself had preached. Some would preach to never marry, while some would preach to marry as many times as you choose. We would have nothing more than the wind to stand upon, and just which ever way the wind blew, that would be the way we would go, and this will not suffice for God's great Church.

We admit that God has in time past wonderfully blessed the Pentecostal people, and He will continue to bless them if they will walk in the light. The light has come on God's great

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living companion. Thank God, we are settled on the latter.

If the people will just watch the Church of God, in a short time they will see a beautiful Church with all the gifts of Apostolic times. You will find us

three professions: Thirty-four being saved from sin, twenty

were sanctified, seventeen received the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine added to the church and ten were baptized in water.

We preached the signs, and they followed us, even to the "shall take up serpents." The boys brought us a copper headed snake and it was handled with success. God wonderfully honored His Word. About twenty-five of the Saints had the pleasure of handling this serpent without any hurt. God also manifested His power to heal. One lady that had rheumatism, and had not walked for eighteen months was carried to the altar for prayer, God healed her and she walked from the altar shouting and praising God. A little girl also, was healed of infantile paralysis.

We are so settled on the Church question, that no one who pulls out from us need send their hope to us for we are going through with our great King in spite of the big guns the devil is shooting. He shoots a big gun but always a blank shell. Amen.

It may be that we have too many of the wrong kind of folks now in the Church. If so the sifted time is coming sometime, and we need not be surprised if we are as bad in the minority as General Gideon was. Out of that vast multitude who claimed to be bold they only had three hundred left who could stand God's test. No matter what the people say, no matter what the ones who pull out from us say, we are going to stand by our great Captain just that much stronger. John said that if they had been of us, they no doubt would have continued with us. I write this with a heart full of love and sympathy. I have seen so much of this business that I feel constrained to cry out by way of warning to others. We can only throw a red lantern across their path and then if they go on and sink in the mire, then we will be free from their blood.

When you leave the Church of God, where will you go? If you go to the Pentecostal people you will find the worst kind of division. If you go to the other churches you will soon be as dry as they are.

Some say we are divided on the marriage question, but listen we do not give credentials to any one having two or more living companions. If we were divided like some say we are, some of our rulers would give credentials to those who have two or more living companions, while some of our rulers would

Now I can not fill the places that are open.

Dear saints, never get discouraged because you cannot see immediate results for your labor, just hold on. He is faithful that promised.

Brother W. H. Cross, State Overseer came here July 5th and set the church in order with five members, others will come in soon, we are expecting a meeting at this place and desire your prayers that God will get glory to Himself, and out of my life. Love to all the saints.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mary D. McHargue.

Canton, N. C.

Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

As there has not been a testimony from here for awhile, I wish to say we are not backslidden but are still praising God for His power over sin. Of course because that "iniquity is abounding" the love of some are growing cold, but, we are trusting it all to Him who knows how to deal with each one. I am saved and sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. The Lord heals me when I get sick without any poison drugs, pills, powders or plasters.

I am a member of the Church of God, Hallelujah! I am called to work for the Master but I have to labor with my hands to straighten up old paths before I can go, so please pray for me.

Bartley Hicks.

St. Catherine, Fla.  
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I wish to praise God through the Evangel for what He has done for me. I am saved and sanctified. Never knew what true joy and contentment was until I was sanctified and found the Church of God, and am the true way. I am a member of the Church of God, and am longing and seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed wonderfully here while Brother R. P. Johnson and Brother and Sister E. W. Williams were with us. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,  
Chas. H. Shaw.

Fork, S. C.  
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings:  
I am praising Jesus this morning for the way He is working in East S. C. I have been here for quite a while and the out look was anything else but encouraging at first. Praise God, I just held on until God gave victory.

